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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH MARGAIN ON ILLEGAL MIGRANTS

REF: DREYFUSS/HAYNE TELECON APRIL 25

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH MEXICAN AMBASSADOR MARGAIN APRIL 25, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS INFORMED HIM OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S REQUEST TO MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN TO DIMINISH THE FLOW OF ILLEGAL ALIENS INTO THE UNITED STATES. LUERS POINTED OUT TO MARGAIN THAT THERE WAS INCREASING CONCERN AMONG SIGNIFICANT SECTORS OF THE U.S. POPULATION ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND INCREASING PRESSURE THAT SOMETHING BE DONE TO SOLVE IT.

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2. LUERS TOLD MARGAIN THAT WHILE THE SHAPE OF ANY PROGRAM THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT DECIDE ON TO AMELIORATE THE PROBLEM WAS STILL NOT CLEAR, THE OPTIONS THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO HIM WILL COVER A FULL RANGE OF POSSIBLE MEASURES, INCLUDING SANCTIONS AGAINST EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE ILLEGAL ALIENS, AMNESTY FOR ALIENS LIVING ILLEGALLY IN THE COUNTRY WHO MEET CERTAIN TIME OR RELATIONSHIP GUIDELINES,

EFFORTS TO HELP COUNTRIES DEVELOP THEIR ECONOMIES AND

PROVIDE INCREASED EMPLOYMENT FOR THEIR POPULATIONS THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEASURE INCLUDING MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE AND EXAMINATION OF TRADE FLOWS, AND INCREASED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. LUERS NOTED THAT WE WERE NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDERING ANY OPTION THAT INVOLVED MASSIVE ROUNDUP AND DEPORTATION OF ALIENS LIVING AND WORKING IN THE U.S.

3. LUERS NOTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD VERY MUCH IN MIND THE NEED TO DISCUSS ANY MEASURES WE MIGHT PLAN TO ADOPT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AND OUR DETERMINATION NOT REPEAT NOT TO SPRING ANY SUDDEN, UNPLEASANT SURPRISES ON MEXICO. HE TOLD MARGAIN THAT WHEN THE SHAPE OF THE PROGRAM BECOMES CLEARER, WE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS IT IN MORE DETAIL WITH THE MEXICANS.

4. FYI: PAPER DISCUSSING POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR ACTION IN ILLEGAL ALIEN FIELD IS TO BE DELIVERED TO PRESIDENT CARTER APRIL 27. IT DISCUSSES SUCH OPTIONS AS PROHIBITION OF HIRING OF ILLEGAL ALIENS, VARIOUS MEANS THAT COULD BE USED BY EMPLOYERS TO DETERMINE CITIZENSHIP OR MIGRATION STATUS OF JOB APPLICANTS, AMNESTY FOR ALIENS WHO HAVE BEEN HERE FOR A CERTAIN LENGTH OF TIME OR WITH SPECIFIED FAMILY TIES, STIFFENING OF ENFORCEMENT AND VISA PROCEDURES, AND THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF OUR OVERALL IMMIGRATION POLICY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE ANY DECISIONS ON THE PAPER OR WHEN IT MIGHT RECEIVE PUBLICITY. END FYI.

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5. FYI: MARGAIN'S REACTION, WHICH WAS SOMEWHAT SURPRISING TO US (AND WOULD PERHAPS BE EVEN MORE SURPRISING TO HIS GOVERNMENT), WAS THAT THE INFLOW OF ILLEGALS WAS INDEED A PROBLEM ABOUT WHICH THE U.S. SHOULD BE CONCERNED AND THAT WE REALLY HAD TO TAKE MEASURES TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM THIS INFLUX. HE SAID HE FELT THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM WAS MEXICO'S "POPULATION EXPLOSION" AND THAT THE GOM WOULD HAVE TO BECOME INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN THE FAMILY PLANNING FIELD IF THE PROBLEM WERE TO BE SOLVED. END FYI.

6. FYI: YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL INFORMED LUERS THAT HE SPOKE LAST WEEK WITH MEXICAN LABOR SECRETARY OJEDA PAULLADA. HE TOLD OJEDA IN SOME DETAIL ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE PROPOSALS WE ARE

MAKING TO THE PRESIDENT. OJEDA WAS UNDERSTANDING, ACCORDING TO MARSHALL. END FYI
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